

GEN. MAXWELL'S REPORT

Fourth Assistant Postmaster General's Work.

MUCH WAS ACCOMPLISHED

There has been a gain in the number of offices—wonderful growth in the South—many robbers caught by inspectors—important recommendations are made.

Fourth Assistant Postmaster General R. A. Maxwell has presented to the Postmaster General his report for the fiscal year, ending June 30, 1896. In his bureau there are three divisions—appointments, bonds and salaries, and general inspection and mail depredations. The report outlines the work for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1896.

That was the total number of post-offices in operation in the United States was 70,000. Of these 66,725 were fourth-class offices, and 3,275 Presidential, being an increase over the last fiscal year of 2,200. During the year 2,035 post-offices were established, and 1,750 discontinued. The total number of appointments for the year was 12,090, and the total number of cases acted upon 15,312.

During the year the largest gain in the number of offices has been in Mississippi, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Louisiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, Illinois, Delaware, District of Columbia, Kansas, Nebraska, and South Dakota. The number of offices has been increased in all of these States.

POST-OFFICES ESTABLISHED.

Referring to requests for new offices, the report states that 1,875 new offices were established in the United States during the fiscal year, more than one-quarter as in the five Southern States of Georgia, Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, and Kentucky. This number is nearly three times as large as the sum of those established in the five Northern States of Illinois, Indiana, New York, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. The number of new offices in the State of Mississippi exceeds those established in the four States of Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia. This is attributable to the fact that many new business enterprises are springing up and a number of outposts are being built in the remote parts of the State.

Under instructions from the Postmaster General, 141 fourth-class and 145 two Presidential offices have been established with larger offices during the past four years for the purpose of giving the patrons of the smaller offices better mail facilities. Of these 173 offices 90 were in Illinois, 25 in Maryland, 25 in New York and 12 in Massachusetts.

Gen. Maxwell takes a decided stand on the policy of changing the names of post-offices. He is opposed to the practice of changing the names of post-offices for the purpose of giving the patrons of the smaller offices better mail facilities.

Continuing his report Gen. Maxwell says: "Where the work of the bond division ends that of the third division of the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General begins. The work of the bond division is to issue postoffice inspectors and mail depredation inspectors—both fully instructed in their duties and to see that they are properly supervised and that they are properly supervised and that they are properly supervised."

Under the present organization of the department the postoffice inspectors have full authority to critically examine every branch and portion of the postal service. The total number of complaints of all classes received during the past year aggregated 10,907, and the total number of cases disposed of was 10,907. The total number of complaints received during the past year shows an increase of 3,254 cases over the year previous. The number of complaints received by the inspectors during the year was 5,817. Only 24 complaints were received of carelessness of the handling of mail, and the remainder were of other classes. The total number of complaints received during the past year shows an increase of 3,254 cases over the year previous.

By far the greatest amount of business of the postoffice establishment is conducted by the collection of postage revenue. It is from this source that the bulk of the postal revenue is obtained. Nineteen-ths of the duties performed by the employees of the postoffice are devoted to the collection of postage revenue. The total amount of postage revenue collected during the past year was \$1,243,843, showing an increase of 1,372 over last year. The total amount of postage revenue collected during the past year was \$1,243,843, showing an increase of 1,372 over last year.

Complaints to the number of 64,613 affecting the postal revenue were received during the year. The number of complaints received during the year was 64,613, showing an increase of 1,372 over last year.

Robberies, burnings, wrecks, and other crimes affecting the postal service are also reported. The total number of crimes reported during the past year was 1,243,843, showing an increase of 1,372 over last year.

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ected with the postal service, who were arrested for various offenses against the postal laws. Of this number 1,108 cases were disposed of by the United States courts and 38 in the State courts.

The subject of new laws is among the most important discussed in the report. Gen. Maxwell refers to the evidence furnished by the results that have followed the adoption of his recommendations of previous years.

During the year 1,600 post-offices were burglarized during the fiscal year 1894, and 1,561 offices subjected to the same class of depredations in 1895, or a decrease of 39 per cent, while during the last year there were 1,474 reports of burglaries received, or a further decrease of a little less than 8 per cent for the year, and a decrease of a little over 9 per cent as compared with 1894. On the other hand, while the burglaries are shown to be on the increase, the number of post-offices subjected to depredations is shown to be on the decrease.

During the year 1894 there were 2,051 of these offenders arrested. In 1895 the number of offenders arrested was 2,291, being an increase of 29 per cent, and during the last fiscal year 470 such criminals were apprehended, making an increase of 10 per cent over the year previous. The number of offenders arrested during the last year shows an increase of 10 per cent over the year previous.

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LABOR INVESTIGATION

Central Democratic Committee Contracts Questioned.

ECHO OF BRYAN'S MEETING

Claims That Knights and Federation Were Not Recognized in the Building of the Platform and the Securing of the Music—To Be Taken Up Tonight.

Two investigations of the business affairs of the Central Democratic committee will probably be held this week.

One matter is a certainty and will be discussed tonight. The other will be considered probably tomorrow night.

The Knights of Labor and the Federation of Labor made an effort to be recognized in whatever work was at the disposal of the Democratic committee, and the securing of the music—To Be Taken Up Tonight.

It was reported to members of the Central Democratic committee that the committee had been organized by several union men who made application for work. They were informed that the wages paid was not the usual rate of \$2.50 per day, but that less was being offered and accepted.

The platform builder, Mr. Whitehead, the treasurer of the committee, was called on last night and he replied that the committee would be called on by the committee of the Central Democratic committee.

A number of the Carpenters' Assembly was also called on last night, but he said that the contractor was not a union man and that he was not recognized by either of the labor organizations of the city.

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SCHOOL GIRLS AND BOYS MUST GET TO WORK

Columbia Typos Do Not Want a 2 Per Cent Levy.

ALL IS READY FOR THEM

First Teachers' Meeting Held Saturday—The Buildings Have All Been Placed in Shape—New Contracts of Study Introduced—What the Scholars Are Expected to Learn.

Somebody will press the button this morning and the big doors of the city's school houses will open for the entrance of nearly 50,000 scholars.

It will be a momentous occasion for every one of them from the wee youngster who, with wide-open mouth and staring eyes, makes his inaugural appearance in the school room, to the youth who has only the last high school year to pass before he has learned everything that any ordinary mind is supposed to be able to know.

For the last week people whose walks led past school houses have noticed the coming and going of men and women with buckets, brooms, mops, and step-ladders. What they have been doing will show this morning when the knowledge-seekers assemble in the buildings. There isn't a temple of learning in the city that doesn't shine and glitter like the kitchen of a first-class hotel. The cleanliness of a pit is not to be compared with that of the schools where Cadmus will hold forth.

In some localities great heaps of coal on the pavement indicate that coal was being prepared for the day. The windows have been cleaned, the floors have been polished, and the windows have been replaced with new panes.

First Teachers' Meeting. The first teachers' meeting of the season was held Saturday. Almost all of the teachers were present. In nearly every instance the teachers were present.

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